

Application Number 10/798,469

Amendment dated November 3, 2006

Reply to Office Action of August 3, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated October 23, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 10-12, 14, 15, and 17-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 14, 15 and 17-22 are allowed. Claims 7, 9, 13 and 16 were previously canceled. Claims 11 and 12 are rejected, specifically, claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) based on Ooishi (U.S. Patent Number 6,519,192).

The present Amendment would cancel rejected claims 11 and 12, thus leaving only allowed claims pending in the application, and, therefore, placing the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that, upon entry of this Amendment, all claims pending in the application will be in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is requested that this Amendment be entered and that the case be allowed and passed to issue. If a telephone conference will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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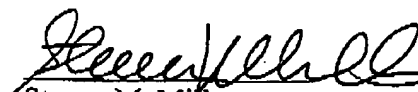
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